

permanent. Co-operation is no longer simply advantageous -- in order to survive, it is an absolute necessity.

Yet ironically, and fortunately, it is this very situation that is so promising, as was a different situation so promising to clear-eyed men in 1215. Fearful though I am of the havoc that will be the inevitable result of continued selfishness and indifference, I am far from despondent, for I believe in the human quality of man's instincts and in the essentially rational behaviour of which he is capable.

Those instincts have lifted him from a solitary hunting animal to an intensely social being, aware of the advantages that flow from co-operation and from the sharing of tasks, aware of the benefits that follow when new structures are set in place to facilitate that co-operation. The history of mankind has been shaped in large measure by men and women who have acted as architects of social organization. Their works remain on view in the simplest villages and in the largest metropolises. Remaining as well for historians to assess are those accomplishments of international organization -- and the equally grand failures -- that have marked the past three decades. In many instances, these institutions are still too new, still not sufficiently formed, to permit final judgment. Even while pursuing the understandable, and altogether proper, desire for evolution and modification, the instinct that lay behind the original plan demands praise. One such example, and one such architect, is the Europe of Jean Monnet. Monnet's instinct, seasoned with his gift of foresight, fired the imagination of a generation of men and women. He gave fresh impetus to the age-old desire to fashion new techniques of co-operation, to erect new structures within which the ever-more-complicated tasks of society could be managed and discharged. The construction is far from complete, as we have seen this week, but the edifice is already so commanding in its presence that societies far distant -- of which Canada is one -- cannot disregard it. And so I have come to view it at first hand. On this occasion, as last October, Lord Mayor, I am in Europe to meet with heads of government of member states of the European Economic Community. I have conveyed to each of them, as I did to the European Commission in Brussels, the desire of Canada to enter into a contractual relationship with the Community -- one that would ensure that both the Community and Canada would keep the other informed, would engage regularly and effectively in consultations, would not consciously act to injure the other, would seek to co-operate in trading and any other activities in which the Community might engage.